Education (AICTE) is exploring possibilities for Stablishing a network through National Information Centre (NIC) in order to inter connect around 450 institutions in the country which are imparting education in engineering/technology, including institutions of national importance like IITs, IISc., Bangalore, Technical Universities, Government and Private Colleges, the details have not yet been finalised.

All India Council of Physical Education and Sports Sciences

3305. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of the long pending act of 1944 to create an All India Council of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (AICPESS) in order to monitor uniformly updated sports science and physical education in the country;

(b) whether this Act, is being put on the agenda of the current Session of Parliament;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which we are planning to make sports as an integral part of our general education at school and that of higher education colleges and Physical Education teachers to schools in the desired student teacher ratio nor is there any provision of required number of periods in the time table?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) to (c). A draft bill for the All India Council for Physical Education has been circulated to all concerned Ministries/Departments, State Governments/Union Territories administrations and all other agencies for comments. The views and opinions called for have been received excepting from some State Governments/Union Territories administrations. It is proposed to introduce the Bill before Parliament only after obtaining comments from the remaining State Governments/UT Administrations.

(d) The K.P. Singh Deo Committee on Physical Education and Sports constituted by the Govt. of India has recommended the integration of Physical Education and Sports with educational curriculum in schools as a part of the learning process. The Govt. of India has accepted the recommendations of the Committee and requested the State Governments to implement these recommendations. The Committee has also recommended assigning 40 minutes a day to Physical Education and Sports in Schools and imparting Physical Education training to teachers through pre service and in-service courses.

[Translation]

Ring Road in Agra, U.P.

3306. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct Ring Road in Agra to save Taj from vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The proposals are at conceptual stage.

Medicinal Shrubs

3307. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicinal shrubs are not available all over India due to the cutting of forests on large scale;

(b) the efforts made by the Ministry to get the shrubs; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Some medicinal shrubs are not available in required quantity due to defforestation and extensive exploitation. The Government have initiated various schemes for conservation and propagation of such medicinal plants.

(c) Does not arise.

Pace Makers

3308. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals in the country where the facility of fixing of 'Pace Makers' on the body of heart patients is available;

(b) the number of patients, who are in need of 'Pace Makers' annually in the country alongwith the details of number of patients who can avail of the said facilities each year;

(c) the estimated cost of single 'Pace Maker';

(d) whether it cost too much and is not available easily, because it is not being manufactured in the country; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and steps being taken for manufacturing of the 'Pace Maker' in the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) This facility is available at most of the major hospitals.

(b) No such data is available.

(c) to (e). The cost of the Pace Maker ranges from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 1,25,000/- depending upon the type of the device. These are easily available in the country. A type of pace maker is now being manufactured in India.

Research Scholars of IITs

3309. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Professors and Research scholars of I.I.Ts are sent to the various countries for research and teaching work;

(b) whether financial assistance is provided to the teachers of colleges and Universities in rural areas for research and higher teaching jobs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c). There is no scheme under which financial assistance is provided to the teachers of colleges and universities in Rural areas for research and higher teaching jobs.

[English]

Germany on Kashmir Issue

3310. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether German Defence Minister during his visit to New Delhi called on Pakistan and India to resolve the Kashmir issue under the Shimla Agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has responded to this call; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the official discussions which the German Defence Minister held during his visit the Kashmir issue was not raised. However, in a press conference, he called upon India and Pakistan to resolve the Kashmir issue on the basis of the Simla Agreement.

(c) There has been no comment from the Government of Pakistan.

(d) Question does not arise.

New N.H. in Assam

3311. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government of Assam has submitted any new projects to construct new National Highways during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of these schemes and funds approved therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). During the last 3 years, 3 proposals were received from the State of Assam for declaration of State roads into National Highways. However, due to meagre allocation of funds during the 8th Five Year Plan, it has not been possible to agree to any of the proposal.

[Translation]

P.G.I. Hospital, Chandigarh

3312. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Constitution P.G.I. Chandigarh has presented its annual report for the year 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, whether one doctor in department of cardiology has been shown on leave on page 59 of the annual report of 1993-94 which he had availed for further researches and his coming back from the leave has been shown on page 45 of the annual report 1994-95 and his scientific achievements on page 46 to 47;

(c) if so, the reasons for which he has been deprived of annual increment and promotion which has due to him during 1995; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) . (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). One Assistant Professor in the Department of Cardiology proceeded on leave in anticipation of the approval of the Competent Authority. Since the leave was unauthorised, disciplinary action was initiated against him under Rule 14 of the C.C.S. (CCA) Rules 1965. On the basis of the enquiry report a penalty was imposed upon him, duly approved by the competent authority.

As a result of the above penalty this doctor was not given his annual increment and promotion in 1995.